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1. On 21 November, the next major effort planned by Chinese Communist forces against United Nations lines was to take place between 9 and 15 February. On 21 November the Chinese Communist 19 Army Group, commanded by YANG Te-chih (2799/1779/1807), had recently been assigned four full-strength divisions; and elements of the 63 and 64 Armies, 19 Army Group, had started to deploy southward (C-4).¹
2. On 21 November, the frequently mentioned (sic) Communist Christmas-New Year offensive was to be limited in nature and the Chinese Communists were prepared to counter any effort mounted by United Nations forces during that period and prevent the United Nations from gaining strategic heights.
3. On 21 November the Chinese Communist army and North Korean army general staffs believed that the United Nations were not prepared to mount a major offensive, they would not start a determined drive until the Eighth Army was reinforced by three American divisions now training in Japan and three new ROK divisions, and they might attempt to drive the Communist forces from the Kaesong area when this strength is attained. The Chinese Communist and North Korean general staffs said the Communist forces would launch an offensive before the Eighth Army was ready for such action.²

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The 63 Army was in the southern Hwanghae Province from the Yesong River to Haeju [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Communist. Presumably the February offensive of paragraph 1.

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